

STARS AND STRIPES

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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

Thousands in Seoul rally to support U.S.

BY JAE-SUK YOO

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — With shouts of "Amen!" about 40,000 people rallied Sunday at a Christian demonstration to support the U.S. military presence in South Korea and condemn North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons program.

"We oppose withdrawal of U.S. military from South Korea," read banners strung over the plaza in front of Seoul City Hall.

Gospel music blared over loudspeakers, and participants sang along as they waved small U.S. and South Korean flags. Blue balloons soared into the cold winter sky.

Other placards read: "Korea and U.S. are blood brothers," and "North Korea must immediately stop developing nuclear weapons."

Off to the side, half a dozen people burned a picture of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and the North's red and blue national flag. "Let's overthrow Kim Jong Il!" they shouted.

Organizers of the larger demonstration, which police said involved about 40,000 people, shunned the smaller group.

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Golden Globes shine on 'Chicago,' 'The Hours,'



Richard Gere, left, and Renee Zellweger hold their awards Sunday for best actor/actress respectively in musical or comedy motion picture for "Chicago" at the 60th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. For more Golden Globe coverage, see Page 7.

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Navy working to cut 'slamming' cases

BY KENDRA HELMER

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Cody A. Wassman's belongings were on their way to Key West. And so was he, waiting for a flight to his new duty station in Florida.

Then his old chief ran into the air terminal.

"He came running up with a new packet and said I was going to [elsewhere]," said Wassman, now a petty officer second class on the USS La Salle in Gaeta, Italy.

Wassman had just been "slammed" — involuntarily assigned orders he didn't want.

Navy officials say they're working to reduce the number of involuntary orders by improving the Job Assignment and Selection System.

The Navy started tracking slams last fall. From September through November, almost 20,000 sets of permanent

change-of-station orders were written. Of those, 91 were slams, said Capt. Mark Klatt, head of enlisted detailing branch at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn.

A recent change to JASS modified the responsibilities of the detailer, the person in charge of prioritizing which jobs were filled first and finding a sailor to fill them. It was a conflict of interest, Klatt said in a telephone interview.

"The detailer was working for both the sailor and the command ... kind of like trying to sell your house and having a real-estate agent working for you and the buyer," he said. "The detailer really needed to be focused on the desires of sailors and less concentrated on coming in to work to fill a billet."

So in October, the task of prioritizing jobs was turned over to the Enlisted Placement Man-

agement Center in New Orleans.

The changes to JASS are part of Project SAIL — Sailor Advocacy through Interactive Leadership — a program that began nearly a year ago. SAIL uses improved technology and communications to get more sailors in the jobs they want, and in jobs that are good for their careers, Klatt said.

Technological changes involve the Internet and "team detailing." Sailors and their command retention teams can go online to view updated lists of billets and to look at possible future assignments.

Navy officials hope to get sailors to look beyond a job's location. "Through the process of team detailing, we're trying to work with the sailors well before the order negotiation period to show them what would be best for their career," Klatt said.

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The unusual pro-U.S. street demonstration, organized by the Christian Council of Korea, a major Christian umbrella group, came amid rising international tension over North Korea's withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, a global nuclear arms control pact.

A similar rally was held last Saturday, drawing about 30,000 people.

The rallies were in contrast with a recent series of anti-U.S. street demonstrations by tens of thousands of activists protesting the deaths in June of two South Korean teenage girls struck by a U.S. military vehicle.

Two U.S. soldiers in the vehicle were acquitted of negligent homicide charges in U.S. military courts in November. That touched off candlelight vigils by South Koreans. Activists have used the vigils to demand an end to the U.S. military presence in South Korea.

"Those anti-U.S. rallies are unacceptable," said Chung Man-soo, 77, a Korean War veteran. "If it weren't for the United States, this nation would not have existed."

Also on Sunday at Imjingak, near the border with North Korea, about 100 South Koreans flew green balloons during a protest against war and nuclear weapons. They also called for reunification of the Koreans, divided at the end of the World War II.

The communist North surprised the world in December by deciding to restart nuclear facilities that were frozen under a deal with the United States in 1994.

Most South Koreans support a U.S. military presence, but many also complain about crimes involving U.S. soldiers.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War.

News tracker: What's new with old news

War on terrorism

Fort Hood deployment: Fort Hood, Texas, will contribute more than 12,000 soldiers to a 37,000-strong force being sent to Southwest Asia in the post's largest deployment to date in the current military buildup, officials said Monday.

Officials would not disclose when Fort Hood's 4th Infantry Division will deploy its 12,500 troops to U.S. Central Command in Southwest Asia.

The 4th Infantry is the Army's first digital division, Green said. Its digital capabilities include sensory equipment and computerized technology that can locate enemies on the battlefield.

Smallpox vaccine: Despite growing unease among health care workers, and a new report counseling caution, the Bush administration plans to ship its first batches of smallpox vaccine to states on Tuesday, launching a program to immunize local "first response" teams against a bioterrorist attack.

"We need to do what we need to do, which is to get this show on the road," Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told the San Francisco Chronicle in a telephone press briefing. Initial shipments of vaccine to 11 states that have requested the first doses are likely to begin Tuesday, Gerberding said, although she refused to identify which ones — saying it was up to individual states to disclose such information.

Yemeni al-Qaida: Yemen would try two al-Qaida suspects detained in Germany if they were returned to Yemen and not extradited to America, the Arab country's foreign minister said in remarks published Monday.

"We are ready to have them tried in Yemen if they are repatriated and if we are provided with documented evidence that prove them guilty," Abu Bakr al-Kerbi was quoted as saying by the ruling party's official Al-Mifhaq newspaper.

Army vehicle delivery: The United States handed over to Kazakhstan on Monday the first of 39 high mobility army vehicles to be delivered to this Central Asian nation as part of its assistance in fighting terrorism, defense officials said.

The vehicles worth \$2.5 million will be delivered over the next two years.

Money matters

Kmart leadership: The board of Kmart Corp. on Sunday named a new chief executive to replace James B. Adamson, the company director named last year to shepherd the troubled retailer's bankruptcy reorganization.

Kmart President Julian C. Day will assume the top job, while Adamson will remain as non-executive chairman through the final months of the company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Kmart said in a statement. Day will retain his duties as president.

States

WTC marble archived: Leftover marble door frames, granite slabs and porous stone countertops found in the basement of the felled World Trade Center in New York City are being saved by preservationists and could be used in a memorial at the site.

Because nearly everything from the interior of the buildings was destroyed, the leftover materials are likely the only surviving items that could invoke the images of the lost lobbies, doorways and halls through which 50,000 people once traveled each day.

Missing Modesto woman: The husband of a missing Modesto woman said he traveled to Southern California to spread the search over a wider geographic area.

Scott Peterson and members of his family distributed fliers Sunday to volunteers at a west Los Angeles hotel. The 30-year-old fertilizer salesman, who hasn't been ruled out as a suspect, refused to answer most questions from reporters as he and his family distributed fliers.

Police have not named him as a suspect but attention has focused on him since police told Laci Peterson's relatives they believe he was having an affair.

Shuttle fire study: Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts ignited flames inside their orbiting laboratory so scientists back home could learn more about soot.

The flames were contained in a chamber inside an even bigger chamber, and there was no danger of fire breaking out.

Scientists want to better understand the production of soot, a pollutant that can lead to lung disease. They turned to space in order to eliminate the risk

ing of hot air — the so-called buoyancy effect — and to slow the reactions inside flames for easier study.

SUV fuel standards: Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California told McClatchy Newspapers she's going to battle with the auto industry again later this month by reintroducing legislation to tighten fuel economy standards for the popular but controversial vehicles. Her legislation, and that of other senators, was nixed in the last Congress.

Feinstein's bill will come amid a chorus of consumers denouncing the super-sized automobiles.

World

Nuclear talks: North Korean President Kim Jong Il heard a Russian plan for ending his nation's nuclear standoff during talks Monday with a Moscow envoy, his first known meeting with a foreigner since the crisis started.

The three-part plan, presented by Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov, envisions nuclear-free status for the Korean Peninsula, and written security guarantees and a humanitarian and economic aid package for the impoverished North.

British firefighters' strike: Britain's firefighters said Monday that they were pressing ahead with a 24-hour nationwide strike over pay, as the government accused them of putting public safety at risk.

The Fire Brigades Union said its members would walk out at 9 a.m. Tuesday, after they failed to reach agreement with employers. Two more 48-hour stoppages are planned starting Jan. 28 and Feb. 1.

Congolese cannibalism: The leader of an Ugandan-backed Congolese rebel group on Monday rejected allegations that his forces were involved in cannibalism.

"RCD National, the people under it and its army do not eat people," Roger Lumba, leader of the Congolese Rally for Democracy-National, told reporters in Kampala.

The RCD-N controls parts of north-eastern Congo where U.N. investigators have found evidence of cannibalism, rape, killing and torture and accused RCD-N and another rebel group, the National Liberation Movement, or MLC, of being involved in the atrocities.

From wire reports

Slamming: Goal is putting sailors into jobs they want

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He said team detailing helps sailors understand "how good a job is from a career perspective" and encourages them to "change their mind into saying, 'Yes, I do want to go to Great Lakes,'" thereby decreasing the numbers of involuntary assignments.

Klatt said he thinks the changes have led to fewer involuntary assignments, but won't know for sure until a year's worth of statistics are ready in the fall.

"There are still going to be sailors that may have to be involuntarily assigned to the

job. ... The Navy has to do that occasionally to meet fleet requirements," he said.

Wassman, a journalist on the La Salle, said that while he didn't end up in Key West like he expected, his involuntary assignment to Memphis, Tenn., was a "great tour."

Other La Salle sailors said they had been "slammed" at some point in their careers.

Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Stone was pulled out of a diving medical officer course and sent to Camp Lejeune, N.C., to be a junior medical officer for eight battalions.

"It bothered me I was taken out of training," said Stone, now the senior medical officer

on the La Salle. "There were supposed to be four doctors there and it was only me. ... But I met some good friends, got a chance to see the world."

Petty Officer 1st Class Regan Schraeder, a damage controlman on the La Salle, just wanted to stay overseas, preferably in Italy, where his wife was from.

"They said I had two choices — recruiting duty [in the States] or get out of Navy. I knew I wanted to stay in the Navy, so I bit my tongue and rolled on," said Schraeder, who made it back to Italy on his next tour.

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Kunsan airmen worked to brighten orphans' holiday

BY JEREMY KIRK

Stars and Stripes

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Tech. Sgt. Russell Leatherman's children are in Montgomery, Ala., but he spent Christmas with a new kind of family.

Leatherman and airmen from the 8th Security Forces Squadron raised \$2,500 for the Samsung Orphanage and threw a huge Christmas party for its residents.

"I have children," said Leatherman, father of twin 3-year-olds. "It's a way for me to interact with children when I can't be with my kids. It's pretty touching."

Airmen throughout the 8th Fighter Wing raised about \$10,000 for various orphanage projects, making it among the most successful charity drives in recent years, said Rosemary Song, community relations specialist.

Children at the Samsung Orphanage needed winter and school clothes, Leatherman said. To raise money, airmen put up a Christmas tree with the children's pictures, and they could choose a child to sponsor.

The goal was \$1,800, but airmen donated \$2,500, Leatherman said. They sponsored a contest in which airmen could pay 50 cents to enter a raffle to throw a pie in the face of a senior commander. That netted about \$800. Voted — via the volume of raffle tickets sold — most likely to get a pie in the kisser: Master Sgt. Steven Bliss, who brought in \$250, Leatherman said.

Chosen victims could get out of the predicament by matching the pot of money, he said, but Bliss took the pie.

On Christmas, Leatherman and other airmen spent the day cooking hamburgers and hot dogs while hanging out with the children.

"To be honest, they are very warm-hearted," Leatherman said of the children. "They will come up to you and raise their arms. Young ones just want to be held. The older ones in their teens are a little more shy."

Many of the 55 children have lost both parents, said manager Yi Hang-paek. Kunsan airmen visit two or three times a year, he added.

They carry the children on their backs, play soccer and bond. Although they don't speak the same language, "even without translation, body language is just enough," Yi said.

When 1st Lt. Ben Bartlett, an F-16 pilot, arrived at the Kae Chong Orphanage on Christmas Day with other airmen, he saw the children waving at them through the window.

Pilots from the 35th and 80th Fighter Squadron donated money and bought hundreds of dollars' worth of medicine and shoes for the orphanage's 42 children.

Bartlett played Santa Claus and got mobbed by children when he entered.

"I was really tired," Bartlett said. "Those kids have so much energy, but it feels great. It's nice to see that no matter where you are in the world ... sharing a little something of yourself means a lot to the kids. It gives all the pilots a good feeling."

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Spangdahlem airman sentenced

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany — A military panel sentenced Senior Airman Kyle D. Jackson to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for nine months and reduction to the grade of E-1 for drug-related and other offenses following a special court-martial on Friday.

Jackson, a member of the 52nd Security Forces Squadron, was found guilty of possessing and using marijuana and of operating a vehicle while drunk. Additionally, he broke base restriction and was found to have a privately owned firearm in his vehicle, both violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Jackson pleaded guilty to the first two charges and not guilty to the last two.

Ranger Hall of Fame nominees due

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Nominations for candidates for the Ranger Hall of Fame in Fort Benning, Ga., are due Feb. 19.

Nominees must have been separated from the armed forces for three years at the time of nomination and must have served in a Ranger unit in combat, or graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School.

Nominations also can be made for honorary inductions for those who do not meet the eligibility criteria. Honorary induction is made in light of the candidate's contributions to the Ranger community.

Nomination packets must include: letter of nomination; Ranger career summary; two-page or less biography (including civilian life); and complete mailing address and phone number of nominee (or closest relative, if deceased). It must also have a proposed citation of 25 lines or fewer and one glossy photograph suitable for framing.

Nomination packets can be mailed to 1st PC AEUPE-PSSD-PAD, Unit 29058, APO AE 09081.

For more information contact Capt. John Scalia, 1st Personnel Command, by phone at DSN 379-6445 or civilian (+49) (0)620-280-6445, or by e-mail at john.scalia@hq.1perscom.army.mil

Test for first Pakistan-built sub

KARACHI, Pakistan — Pakistan's first domestically built submarine has been handed over to the country's navy for sea trials, defense officials said Monday.

The submarine, the Agosta 90-B, was built in Pakistan under the supervision of French engineers.

During the trials, officials will test the submarine's propulsion, steering, speed monitoring and communications systems.

Navy wants to destroy Va.'s last WWII tower

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — The Navy wants to take down a coastal icon — a World War II observation tower — to save the costs of maintaining the aging 82-foot structure.

The Beach Club Observation Tower, a corrugated steel box on a lattice of girders and fat bolts, has stood at Atlantic and 67th Street since 1941, when Hitler's U-boats lurked just off shore. At its crown, now fouled by pigeons, were soldiers who served as the eyes of the big guns at Fort Story.

The service says it has no use for the Beach Club tower and it can't afford to maintain, move or renovate it.

"If the tower were not demolished," a Navy study of the project reads, "the cost would continue to be a drain on scarce real property maintenance dollars."

The same environmental assessment puts the annual cost of keeping the tower painted and "in good working order" at \$400, and knocking it down at \$18,900.

From staff and wire reports

Newspaper: Letter from Bin Laden calls for Muslims to unite

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A statement purportedly written by Osama bin Laden urges Muslims to stop fighting each other and unite against the “crusader coalition” that is attacking the Islamic world, according to excerpts published Sunday in a London-based Arab newspaper.

Asharq Al-Awsat printed portions of a 26-page statement it claims was written and signed by bin Laden, leader of the al-Qaida terror group.

The letter did not mention any nation, but earlier statements attributed to bin Laden and other al-Qaida leaders have accused the United States and Israel of launching a religious crusade against the Muslim world.

The journalist who wrote the article, Mohamed el-Shaf’aie, told The Associated Press on Sunday that the statement was mailed to the paper from an Islamic source in London with close links to a Pakistan-based Islamic research center known for its ties to al-Qaida.

The letter attributed to bin Laden says, “the current situation Muslims are living in requires a deployment of all efforts to fight the Islamic battle against the crusader coalition, which has revealed its real, evil intentions.”

“Their target now is Islam and Muslims and not only the [Middle East] region,” the letter added.

America has come under attack throughout the Islamic world for a perceived bias toward Israel in the Jewish state’s conflict with the Palestinians, and for the U.S. threat to attack Iraq if it retains weapons banned by the United Nations.

No al-Qaida-affiliated Web sites immediately published the latest statement, which normally happens whenever one appears.

Iraqis, U.N. settle on new inspection guidelines

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After two days of talks, the chief U.N. arms inspectors and Iraqi officials agreed Monday on practical steps to greater Iraqi cooperation in the U.N. disarmament program, including Baghdad’s encouragement of weapons scientists to submit to private U.N. interviews.

Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the U.N. nuclear agency, arrived Sunday as the United States warned time was running out for Baghdad to comply with U.N. orders to eliminate all its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons or face attack.

The two said after the talks that substantive issues, such as a complete accounting of old Iraqi chemical and biological weapons, remain unresolved.

“These issues are open and may require time,” said Blix, head of the U.N. agency responsible for Iraqi chemical and biological disarmament.

They must report next Monday to the U.N. Security Council, updating their findings and Baghdad’s compliance with the U.N. oversight regime that resumed Nov. 27 to

certify that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction.

Blix would not say whether that report would be upbeat or pessimistic, but he said of the discussions here: “There are a number of points which would have otherwise been negative but which have now been turned around.”

A joint U.N.-Iraqi statement listed these among other major points of agreement:

■ The Iraqi government will encourage weapons scientists to agree to private interviews with U.N. inspectors. The two sides did not, however, announce agreement on conducting such interviews abroad, an idea pushed by the U.S. government.

Although there has been no agreement on interviews abroad, the foreign minister of Cyprus, Yiannakis Kassoulides, said Monday that his country had agreed to a U.N. request for interviews on the Mediterranean island with the provision that scientists would not seek political asylum, their stays would be temporary, and that Cyprus would be responsible for security.

■ Iraq agreed to expand the list of such potential interview subjects, with advice from the U.N. experts. The

list of about 500 submitted last month was called not a “serious effort” by Blix.

■ Iraq will conduct a “comprehensive search” for old 122 mm rocket warheads designed to hold chemical agents. Sixteen such warheads, unfilled, have been found in two Iraqi locations in recent days. Thousands such munitions remain unaccounted for in Iraqi documents reviewed by the United Nations.

■ Iraq agreed to respond to questions regarding its 12,000-page declaration submitted to the United Nations on Dec. 8, reporting on its chemical, biological and nuclear programs. Both Washington and U.N. inspectors criticized the declaration as inadequate.

■ Some documents requested by the U.N. inspectors to help fill gaps in the declaration have been handed over. Others requested have not been produced.

Blix said the U.N. teams have not yet analyzed the documents, but he told reporters, “For the moment, I don’t see that this has taken us forward.” He added, however, that “at least it was a response, a partial response.” He did not describe the material.

U.S. calls for focus on Iraq’s refusal to disarm

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State Colin Powell, intensifying U.S. diplomatic efforts, urged reluctant nations Monday to focus on Iraq’s failure to disarm and to prepare to weigh the consequences at the end of the month.

U.N. weapons inspectors are due to present the findings of 60 days of searches on Jan. 27, and the Security Council is expected to meet

two days later to take up the report.

In New York for a one-day conference on terrorism, Powell seized the occasion to urge foreign ministers to prepare for a response if the ministers conclude Iraq was withholding weapons information and refusing to make its scientists available.

“Everyone stressed the importance of disarmament and the hope that Iraq gets the message,” State Department spokesman Richard Boucher

said after Powell met with Foreign Ministers Tang Jiaxuan of China, Dominique de Villepin of France and Luis Ernesto Derbez of Mexico.

But Tang of China pressed a go-slow approach, telling reporters Monday that the Jan. 27 report “is not a full stop of the inspection work but a new beginning.”

Powell resumed his talks Monday at the United Nations with Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Pasi, Germany’s Joscha Fischer and Igor Ivanov of Russia.

7 arrested in raid on London mosque

BY MICHAEL
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The Associated Press

LONDON — Anti-terrorist police raided a north London mosque suspected of being a center of Islamic radicalism Monday and arrested seven suspects in an operation linked to the recent discovery of the deadly poison ricin.

Armed with battering rams, dozens of officers stormed Finsbury Park mosque and two neighboring houses in the early hours of the morning as helicopters circled overhead, shining bright lights on the buildings.

The mosque, and radical cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri who preaches there, have been under police surveillance for months. Officials say the center is a fertile recruiting ground for fundamentalist groups. According to reports, Richard Reid, the man convicted of trying to de-

stroy a trans-Atlantic flight in 2001 with explosives in his shoes, worshipped there.

Al-Masri, who is wanted in Yemen on terrorism charges, was not arrested in the sweep and quickly condemned the raid as an anti-Muslim propaganda exercise by the government.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Andy Trotter said police did not find any ricin during the raid, though the operation was linked to the Jan. 5 arrest of four North African men who had the deadly poison in their London apartment.

"There is a national operation against terrorists in this country ... that led us to this mosque," Trotter said. "This is part of our absolutely determined effort to keep the country safe and pursue terrorist suspects wherever they may be."

Six of the suspects were North Africans, between ages

23 and 48, while the seventh was a 22-year-old Eastern European, he said. They were taken to a London police station to be questioned.

Trotter added that searches were continuing at the mosque, officially known as the North London Central Mosque, and were focusing on computers and documents, some of which had been seized.

Al-Masri, an Egyptian-born cleric who fought the Soviets in Afghanistan and whose group calls for the spread of Islamic law, denied his mosque was linked to terrorism. He told *The Associated Press* by telephone that the raid was "propaganda to gain support for war against terrorism."

The U.S. Treasury Department alleges that al-Masri belongs to the group that claimed responsibility for the 2000 attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

Race-based policy gets support from senators

BY ERIN MCCLAM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said on Monday she and Senate colleagues would join in a "friend of the court" brief supporting the University of Michigan's race-based admissions policy.

"There are many ways to get to the promised land of integrated higher education. There is nothing wrong with what the University of Michigan is doing," the New York Democrat told an audience marking Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Trinity Baptist Church in the Bronx.

"We have a lot to celebrate, and we have a lot to do," she said.

Clinton did not spell out details of the legal action or say what other senators would also take part. Her appearance, with fellow New York Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer, was one of many events marking the civil rights leader's 74th birthday.

The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court last week to declare the University of Michigan's affirmative action admissions policy unconstitutional, saying it violated the document's equal protection clause and ignored race-neutral alternatives to expand college minority enrollments.

By personally speaking out against the Michigan policy, Bush infuriated some black leaders and created a new issue for Democrats to attack him.

While saying much remained to be accomplished, Schumer said black children could draw inspiration from the fact that black executives now head three of the nation's top companies — American Express, Merrill Lynch and AOL Time Warner.

U.S. praises Kuwait for detention of alleged spy for Iraq

BY STEVEN GUTKIN

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — The United States on Sunday praised Kuwait for detaining a Kuwaiti soldier on charges of spying for Iraq, and said the arrest proves that Saddam Hussein remains a threat to Iraq's oil-rich southern neighbor.

A well-connected Kuwaiti newspaper reported this weekend that the alleged spy, Sgt. Mohammed Hamad al-Juwayed of the Kuwaiti National Guards, was working on plans to poison a large number of American soldiers, as well as assassinate Kuwaiti politicians and blow up oil and power facilities.

"We commend them for their work," U.S. Embassy spokesman John Moran said.

"This arrest shows that Saddam Hussein continues to harbor aggressive intentions toward Kuwait."

The Kuwaiti Cabinet said in a statement Sunday that the "terrorist and sabotage" plans uncovered by al-Juwayed's arrest were a proof of the "aggressive nature of the Iraqi regime" and its "evil intents" against Kuwait.

Kuwait, which was invaded by Iraq on Aug. 2, 1990, and liberated by U.S. forces seven months later, would play a crucial role in any future U.S.-led war against Iraq because of its location on the Persian Gulf at Iraq's southern border.

More than 17,000 U.S. troops have been dispatched here and tens of thousands more are expected in anticipation of a possible war —

which the United States says will be necessary unless Saddam rids his country of all weapons of mass destruction.

The Interior Ministry announced al-Juwayed's arrest on Friday, saying he gave military information to Iraq and spied on senior Kuwaiti officials "with the intent of facilitating terrorist and sabotage operations."

"We know his family. We know some of his relatives here in Kuwait. We've been shocked about what we heard regarding this guy," Khaled al-Jarallah, undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry, told *The Associated Press*.

Very few Kuwaitis were convicted of collaborating with Iraqi forces during their seven-month occupation of the emirate. The accusations against al-Juwayed have startled many Kuwaitis.

Coretta Scott King: War a poor tool for carving peace

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow urged world leaders Monday to settle their differences peacefully and avoid a painful war.

Coretta Scott King urged a packed crowd of about 1,000 at Ebenezer Baptist Church to honor the memory of King, who would have turned 74 last Wednesday. The federal King Day holiday, first celebrated in 1986, is on the third Monday in January.

"We commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. as a great champion of peace who warned us that war was a poor chisel for carving out a peaceful tomorrow," King said. "We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means. Martin said, 'True peace is not just the absence of tension, it is the presence of justice.'"

The daylong celebration of King's birthday was marked with memorials, church ser-

vices and reflection. The ceremony at Ebenezer Baptist Church opened with songs and hymns, including "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia referred to King as a "native son of Georgia who changed my life, the life of my grandson and your life ... and the life of an entire nation, indeed the world, for the better. We must never forget that one person, only one person can make a difference."

The annual King Day march was planned for the afternoon, and more than 15,000 people were expected to eat at the Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry dinner at Turner Field. Williams, one of King's first lieutenants in the civil rights battle, died in 2000 after a battle with cancer.

Several universities held commemorative speeches Monday, and volunteer groups recruited people to help in the community.

Bush: 'More to do' for King's dream

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — President Bush, criticized for decisions on affirmative action and conservative federal judgeships, said Monday that "there's still prejudice holding people back" from Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams of equality.

The predominantly black congregation of First Baptist Church of Glenarden in suburban Washington welcomed Bush with a standing ovation as it celebrated in song and Scripture the memory of King, who would have turned 74 last Wednesday.

"It is fitting that we honor Martin Luther King in a church, because, Gregory, I believe, like you, that the power of his words, the clarity of his vision, the courage of his leadership occurred because he put his faith in the Almighty," Bush told Gregory

Hunter, a teenager who had just read an essay on the slain civil rights leader.

The federal King Day holiday, first celebrated in 1986, is on the third Monday in January.

"It is fitting that we honor this great American in a church because out of the church comes the notion [of] equality and justice. And even though progress has been made, Pastor, even though progress has been made there's more to do," Bush said.

As the crowd applauded nearly every sentence, the president added, "There are still people in our society who hurt. There's still prejudice holding people back. ...

"There's still a need for us to hear the words of Martin Luther King to make sure the hope of America extends its reach into every neighborhood across this land," he said.

Ex-Serbian leader surrenders to tribunal

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Former Serbian President Milan Milutinovic turned himself in on Monday to the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal, where he has vowed to fight allegations of wrongdoing in Kosovo.

Milutinovic, charged with war crimes during a crackdown on ethnic Albanians in the southern Serbian province in 1999, took a special flight from Belgrade to Amsterdam and was taken by car to the U.N. detention facility in The Hague.

He was expected to appear before a judge to enter a plea within a few days.

Though regarded as a figurehead leader, Milutinovic, 60, was a member of the inner circle of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Any testimony Milutinovic might offer could prove damaging to Milosevic, who is facing charges of genocide and other war crimes before the U.N. court.

The delay in Milosevic's trial went into a second week Monday as he recovered from the flu. It was the fifth day hearings had been called off since proceedings resumed last week following a three-

week holiday recess. Tuesday's hearings also were canceled.

Milosevic, 61, has a weak heart and high blood pressure.

Milutinovic, who was Serbia's president from 1997 until last month, has denied any role in war crimes in Kosovo, saying that during his presidency he didn't have control over Serbian-led security forces in the province.

Bajram Rexhepi, Kosovo's ethnic Albanian prime minister, described Milutinovic's extradition as "better late than never."

He insisted that reconciliation in the Balkans would only come when all suspects facing war crimes were brought to justice.

"Many others ... were part of that regime and system," he said.

Milutinovic's most prominent role during his presidency was when he led a Serbian delegation during U.S.-sponsored peace talks on Kosovo with rival ethnic Albanian leaders in France in 1999.

The failure of those talks — largely because of Milutinovic's refusal to sign a peace deal — led to 78 days of NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia to punish the Serbian leaders for their violent crackdown in Kosovo.

Vampire interview leads to reporter's arrest

BLANTYRE, Malawi — A radio journalist was arrested Sunday for interviewing a man who claimed he was attacked by vampires, under a Malawi government campaign to quash vampire rumors.

Maganizo Mazeze, who works for a community radio station in Blantyre, was charged with broadcasting false news that could lead to public unrest.

President Bakili Muluzi has ordered the arrest of anyone seen to be spreading accounts of vampires attacking villagers at night, which started circulating in this tiny east African nation in October.

Muluzi blames the stories on political opposition groups, who he says are trying to undermine him by saying his government gave aid agencies blood in exchange for food.

Since the rumors started, frightened villagers have beaten to death two men suspected of being vampires, attacked a ruling party official suspected of harboring vampires, attacked three visiting priests, and destroyed an aid group's encampment they feared was a vampire headquarters.

From The Associated Press

'Chicago,' 'Hours' get multiple Globes

'The Shield' beats out 2 TV drama favorites

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The sultry jazz musical "Chicago" won the Golden Globe for best musical-comedy Sunday while "The Hours" was honored as best film drama.

Dramatic performance honors went to **Jack Nicholson** for playing a depressed retiree in "About Schmidt" and **Nicole Kidman** for her role as suicidal writer **Virginia Woolf** in "The Hours."

"I don't know whether to be happy or ashamed because I thought we made a comedy," said Nicholson, who took home his seventh Golden Globe. He stars in the tragicomic "About Schmidt" as a widower searching for meaning at the end of his life.

Kidman said she was just glad "The Hours" was made into a film.

"It was a tricky movie in terms of the subject matter," said the actress, who now has three Golden Globes.

"Chicago" co-stars **Renee Zellweger** and **Richard Gere** won for best musical-comedy acting, and **Meryl Streep** and **Chris Cooper** received supporting performer honors for the loopy screenwriting comedy "Adaptation."

Martin Scorsese received the best director award for "Gangs of New York," a Civil War-era immigrant saga he'd wanted to make for decades that, once completed, was delayed for more than a year by Miramax Films.

"Maybe 'dream come true' is a cliché because clichés are true. But it really is," he said.

Zellweger, who played a star-struck prisoner trying to beat a murder charge in "Chicago," thanked co-star **Catherine Zeta-Jones**, who was nominated in the same category. "You're a goddess and I'm so glad the world now knows what you can do," Zellweger told her while onstage.

"I'm literally totally shocked. I don't win anything," said Gere, who played a slick lawyer in the musical.

Streep, a frequent awards recipient who also was nominated in the dramatic actress category for "The Hours," said she wasn't prepared to win for "Adaptation."

"Oh my God, I've just been nominated 789 times and I was getting so settled over there for a long winter's nap," she said.

"I didn't have anything prepared because it's been like [since] the Pleistocene era that I won anything."

The actress last won a Golden Globe in 1983, for "Sophie's Choice." (She's won two others, for "The French Lieutenant's Woman" in 1982 and "Kramer vs. Kramer" in 1980.) Blending reality and fiction, "Adaptation" follows the agonized efforts of screenwriter **Charlie Kaufman** as he adapts author **Susan Orlean's** book "The Orchid Thief" for the screen.

Kaufman jokingly fantasizes in the film's climax that Orlean was a drug-crazed, would-be killer.

"Susan Orlean, I apologize for the second half," said Streep, who played her in the film.

Cooper, who played a stringy-haired and toothless orchid poacher chronicled in Orlean's book, offered his thanks, saying: "You've given millions and millions of stringy-haired and toothless people a lot of hope."

He also thanked co-star **Nicolas Cage** as well as "Nic Cage," a reference to Cage's portrayal of screenwriter **Charlie Kaufman** and his fictitious twin brother, **Donald**.

Kaufman lost the best screenplay prize, however, to **Alexander Payne** and **Jim Taylor** for "About Schmidt," adapted from the novel by **Louis Begley**.

U2 won the best movie

song award for "The Hands That Built America" from "Gangs of New York," and composer **Elliot Goldenthal** received the best original score award for "Frida."

Pedro Almodovar's "Talk to Her," a Spanish drama about two men in love with comatose women in the same hospital, was chosen as best foreign film.

The Golden Globes, is renowned as one of Hollywood's biggest parties, where participants are encouraged to be spontaneous and irreverent.

"You have no idea how many men I've had to sleep with to get this award," said **Kim Cattrall**, who won in the TV supporting actress category for her role as the most promiscuous of the four women on HBO's "Sex and the City."

"The Shield" won for best TV drama, upsetting such major shows as "The Sopranos" and "The West Wing," and its star, **Michael Chiklis**, was named best actor in a drama series. His Golden Globe follows his surprise Emmy victory last year for playing a rogue cop on the violent, profanity-laced series on the FX cable channel.

HBO's acerbic sitcom "Curb Your Enthusiasm" won best TV comedy series. "This is a sad day for the Golden Globes. It is however, quite a good day for **Larry David**," joked David, the show's star and executive producer. "I suspect the wife will be a little forthcoming tonight."

The dramatic TV actress award went to **Edie Falco** for her performance as the unhappy wife of gangster **Tony Soprano** in HBO's "The Sopranos." Gasping that she was suffering from laryngitis, she accepted her award by flapping her hands and whispering, "I can't talk."

Jennifer Aniston won best TV comedy actress for NBC's

The winners

Winners at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's 60th annual Golden Globe Awards on Sunday night were:

Motion pictures

Drama: "The Hours"
Director: **Martin Scorsese**, "Gangs of New York"
Actor, Drama: **Jack Nicholson**, "About Schmidt"
Actress, Drama: **Nicole Kidman**, "The Hours"
Musical or Comedy: "Chicago"
Actor, Musical or Comedy: **Richard Gere**, "Chicago"
Actress, Musical or Comedy: **Renee Zellweger**, "Chicago"
Supporting Actor: **Chris Cooper**, "Adaptation"
Supporting Actress: **Meryl Streep**, "Adaptation"
Foreign Language Film: "Talk to Her," Spain
Screenplay: **Alexander Payne** and **Jim Taylor**, "About Schmidt"
Score: **Elliot Goldenthal**, "Frida"
Original Song: U2, "The Hands That Built America" from "Gangs of New York"

Television

Drama Series: "The Shield," FX
Actor, Drama: **Michael Chiklis**, "The Shield," FX
Actress, Drama: **Edie Falco**, "The Sopranos," HBO
Musical or Comedy Series: "Curb Your Enthusiasm," HBO
Actor, Musical or Comedy Series: **Tony Shalhoub**, "Monk," USA
Actress, Musical or Comedy Series: **Jennifer Aniston**, "Friends," NBC
Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: "The Gathering Storm," HBO
Actor, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: **Albert Finney**, "The Gathering Storm," HBO
Actress, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: **Uma Thurman**, "Hysterical Blindness," HBO
Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: **Donald Sutherland**, "Path to War," HBO
Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or Movie Made for Television: **Kim Cattrall**, "Sex and the City," HBO

From The Associated Press

"Friends," while **Tony Shalhoub** received the TV comedy actor's trophy for the USA Network detective show "Monk."

Gene Hackman accepted the **Cecil B. DeMille Award** for a career spanning more than 80 films. His roles in "The French Connection" and "Unforgiven" won him both Golden Globes and Academy Awards and he received an additional Golden Globe honor last year for the comedy "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Golden Globe honors are chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's roughly 90 members, who cover Hollywood for overseas publications.

Swashbucklers sail on

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — It looks like the perfect Super Bowl matchup: Oakland's high-powered offense against Tampa Bay's stingy defense.

For all the common denominators, from their swashbuckling logos to the coach they have shared, the most intriguing theme for Super Bowl XXXVII is sports' age-old one. Can the prolific Raiders, led by the NFL's most valuable player, overwhelm the Buccaneers, who have the league's defensive player of the year?

For all of Oakland's offensive playmakers, from Rich Gannon to Jerry Rice to Tim Brown to Charlie Garner, Tampa Bay can offer such defensive stalwarts as Derrick Brooks, Warren Sapp, John Lynch and Ronde Barber.

And for all of Jon Gruden's success as coach of the Raiders, he never made the Super Bowl with them. He now has with the Bucs.

"We've got a tough team coming up, Tampa Bay," said Jerry Rice, the NFL's all-time leading receiver who already has won three rings with San Francisco. "And it's going to be a little unusual facing Gruden. But this is an opportunity of a lifetime and I am just looking forward to the challenge."

No. 1 offense on a collision course with NFL's top defense

The challenge for Oakland, which scored 71 points in two playoff victories, including a 41-24 decision over Tennessee on Sunday for the AFC title, is not just to move the ball against Tampa Bay, but also find the end zone.

The Bucs, who beat Philadelphia 27-10 for the NFC championship, yielded the fewest yards and the fewest points in the league.

The Raiders certainly have the weapons, from MVP Gannon, who threw for three touchdowns and ran for another against the Titans, to his bevy of receivers.

One of the best matchups next weekend will be Rice, Brown and rapidly burgeoning Jerry Porter vs. Barber, Lynch and the rest of the Bucs' superb secondary.

"We're good, and I'm not afraid to say it," said Barber, whose 92-yard interception return with 3:12 iced the win in Philadelphia.

So is Oakland, of course. The Raiders even seem oblivious to their lack of discipline — 14 penalties for 127 yards didn't stop them Sunday.

"We were making a lot of dumb mistakes out there," Oakland linebacker Eric Barton said. "Fortunately, we sucked it up and stopped it. That shows the character of this team."

The Raiders, heading to their first Super Bowl in 19 years, ranked first in total offense and passing offense. The Bucs, going to their first Super Bowl, were No. 1 in total defense and pass defense. They had a league-high 31 interceptions, and defensive player of the year Brooks had four runbacks for touchdowns this season.

"We're a confident bunch and knew what we had to do to get it done," All-Pro defensive tackle Sapp said. "We didn't have to talk about it, just let the pads do the talking."

Before the pads collide at Qualcomm Stadium, both sides will be inundated

with questions about Gruden. After guiding the Raiders for four seasons, he was "traded" to the Bucs, who had fired Tony Dungy last January, for four high draft picks and \$8 million.

Replaced by his offensive coordinator, Bill Callahan, Gruden hardly was missed as Oakland opened its playbook further and scored 450 points this season. And he didn't really put his offensive touch on the Bucs until these playoffs, in which they have outscored the Eagles and 49ers by 58-16.

"Certainly there's some sensitivity there and some emotion to see Oakland play in the Super Bowl," Gruden admitted. "I have not talked a lot about how I got here, but I respect where I came from. I know there's some players that maybe don't feel that, but I'm proud of my experience there and I have a lot of respect for the players there and what they may have done."

Gruden knows there won't be any sympathy coming from the Silver and Black during the big game. The Raiders' trash talk already has begun.

"How ya doing, Coach?" Porter quipped. "I'll see ya later."

Added Brown, the longest-tenured Raider with 15 seasons: "We thought this could happen. For it to come to fruition, you really can't dream about it. We're going to go get Jon."

'Dateline' to delve

The face of pop singer Michael Jackson will be the subject of a special edition of NBC's news magazine "Dateline" next month.

"Michael Jackson Unmasked," set to air in the United States on Feb. 17, will be "the inside story as told by some of the people who knew him best," according to a network statement. Further details about the program weren't given.

For years, Jackson's appearance — particularly his increasingly smaller nose and lighter skin tone — has been the subject of intense scrutiny and speculation.

Ross video released

A Tucson, Ariz., police videotape shows singer Diana Ross walking around and leaning on a police cruiser while two officers talk to her, but it doesn't have audio of the singer's comments.

The 42-minute videotape, released Friday, was shot when Ross was arrested for drunken driving Dec. 30. She has pleaded innocent to the charge.

The grainy color video does not include footage of Ross, 58, dressed in jeans and a sweatshirt, taking a field sobriety test.

A police report said Ross consented to the test but fell down and laughed while trying to stand on one leg and count to 10. In another test, the report said, she skipped a couple of letters and doubled others while writing the alphabet.

Faces 'n' places

Police have said Ross told them she got lost on her way to a video store. She was staying at a Tucson residence at the time.

Actress wanted to dance

Lesley Ann Warren is famous because of her acting, but dancing is all she ever wanted to do when she was little.

"From childhood I always wanted to be a ballet dancer," Warren told students at The Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute. "My parents always supported and encouraged me to strive to reach my goals and make my dreams come true."

Warren, 56, was nominated for an Oscar as Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of a bleached-blond gangster's moll in the 1982 Blake Edwards film "Victor/Victoria." She lost to Jessica Lange for her work in Sydney Pollack's "Tootsie."

"During shooting there were times when Blake Edwards would fall off his chair laughing. That was when I knew I got it right," Warren recalled. "I am very comfortable at improvising in a scene."

Warren studied "method" acting with Lee Strasberg at The Actors Studio in New York. She was just 17 at the time, the school's youngest student ever.

Blackmail arrest

A California woman and her husband

have been arrested for allegedly trying to blackmail \$13.5 million from singer Celine Dion's husband, Rene Angelil, who the woman says raped her.

Yun Kyeong Kwon Sung and Ae Hye Kwon of Pasadena are charged with extortion and witness soliciting a bribe, both felonies, and conspiracy to commit extortion, a misdemeanor, police said.

Sung, 47, and Kwon, 50, filed a lawsuit and a police report last March alleging that Angelil raped Sung in March 2000 at the Imperial Palace hotel-casino in Las Vegas.

The two were arrested Thursday during a meeting about the civil lawsuit between them, their attorney and Angelil's attorney. A police detective also was at the meeting.

Angelik denies the rape allegation.

Books are other love

Tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams are known for their penchant for fashion design, but Venus says she likes nothing better than to settle down with a good book.

"My latest book is 'Economics Explained,' because I found that it was a subject I didn't know a lot about," the 22-year-old athlete said last week.

Williams said she doesn't like to "live life not knowing a lot about things, so I just decided I have to pick up the pace. Put down the nonsense books and pick up the real deal."

The Williams sisters are in Melbourne for the Australian Open.

From The Associated Press

Bucs come in from the cold

Tampa Bay secures first Super Bowl trip by walloping Eagles

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers weren't sure until Saturday that Joe Jurevicius was going to play in the NFL championship game.

Not only did Jurevicius play after leaving the team following the premature birth of his son, but he made the play that turned the game and sent the once dismal franchise to its first Super Bowl with a 27-10 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The play came late in the first quarter after the Bucs, trailing 7-3, were backed up to their own 4 by Lee Johnson's punt. They got the ball out to the 24 and on third-and-two, Brad Johnson found Jurevicius at the 28, where he broke Barry Gardner's tackle and continued on down the sideline, outrunning the seemingly faster Philadelphia defensive backs to the 5.

Two plays later, Mike Alstott went in from the 1, and Tampa Bay never trailed again.

"I'm sitting on top of the world right now," Jurevicius said.

"It's been a roller coaster of emo-

tions all week, but my family needed me to do this. The way things are going, I think my son might be up walking now."

"That was the turning point," said coach Jon Gruden, who in next week's Super Bowl will face Oakland, the team he left after last season. "It was clearly a huge play in this game."

And clearly a momentum turner. The Bucs had fallen behind 7-0 just 52 seconds into the game.

Brian Mitchell returned the opening kickoff 70 yards and two plays later, Duce Staley burst into the end zone for 20 yards out.

"That was a bummer," Gruden said. "But we had 14 minutes left in the first quarter. I told them that and we went out and did it."

"We came out early and set the tempo, then we did absolutely nothing," Eagles receiver Antonio Freeman said.

Tampa Bay came back quickly, getting a 48-yard field goal from Martin Gramatica before Jurevicius' game-turning play.

Brad Johnson found Keyshawn Johnson to give the Bucs a 17-10 lead at the half and Ronde Barber clinched things with a 92-yard interception return with 3:12 left.

The win exorcised all kinds of demons, including a three-game losing streak in Philadelphia, which knocked the Bucs out of the playoffs the last two years. It also was their second straight win in temperatures under 40 — it was 26 at game time — after being 0-21 in cold-weather games going into this season.

The Bucs also have a dismal history — worse until the last six years than even Cincinnati or Arizona.

The Bucs started playing in 1976, lost their first 26 games, then made a brief run at the playoffs. Then, from 1983-96, they did not have a winning season and lost 10 or more games in 13 of those 14 seasons.

They overcame it all Sunday, capping the momentum that changed when they discarded the orange jerseys they had worn from their inception to red. Since then, Tampa Bay has missed the playoffs just once.

"Derrick Brooks, Warren Sapp and myself have been here the longest," safety John Lynch said. "We wore the orange. We suffered through some tough years. We worked so hard for this opportunity but we told each other we're not done yet."

Added Gruden: "We're like the wiz-

ard of Oz. We got rid of a lot of demons today," Gruden said.

The loss was devastating for the Eagles.

It was the last NFL game at Veterans Stadium, which will be replaced by a new stadium across the street. And it broke the heart of an entire city, where most fans assumed the Eagles would be making their second Super Bowl trip 22 years after the first one.

Give much of the credit to the Bucs defense, which led the league in both yardage allowed and points allowed, giving up just more than 12 a game.

The Eagles couldn't even get that — Donovan McNabb was 26-for-49 for 243 yards, many of them after the game was out of hand. Nor did the Philadelphia defense get a sack and barely pressured Brad Johnson.

Johnson, on the other hand, engineered the two long scoring drives and was 20-for-33 for 259 yards. On defense, Barber and Simeon Rice had sacks that forced fumbles that ended Philadelphia scoring threats. "There's not a whole lot you can say," Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said. "It's my responsibility for us to perform better in this game and I didn't get that part done."

Raiders overcome penalties with precision passing

BY EDDIE PELLIS

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Brown waited a long time. Al Davis waited even longer.

Now, the Oakland receiver has filled in one of the few blank spots left on his resumé, and helped the owner of the Raiders find his way back to the Super Bowl.

The veteran Raiders — the team Davis assembled to win now, right now — made it back to the big time. Brown caught nine passes and league MVP Rich Gannon threw three touchdowns passes Sunday in a 41-24 victory over Tennessee in the AFC championship game.

The Raiders are headed back to the NFL title game for the first time since 1984, and Brown is going for the first time in his 15-year career.

"I saw Tim over there at the end, with a towel on his head," said 40-year-old Jerry Rice, who will go for his fourth ring. "I knew what he was going through, because I could look back on my first one."

At the Super Bowl next Sunday in San Diego, Oakland will play Tampa Bay, a 27-10 winner in Philadelphia earlier in the day.

Oakland's oft-touted "Commitment to Excellence" will be tested by a coach who knows it well — Jon Gruden, who left the Raiders after last season for the Bucs.

"I've got a lot of respect for where I come from," said Gruden, whose new team had to give four draft picks and \$8 million to Oakland to get him. "I do have some close relationships with some of those players."

Players like Brown, the consummate professional

who had never had a taste of the Super Bowl. He said the right things — his career would still be complete if he didn't make it. But deep down, he knew he would be judged as less than complete.

It's not a concern anymore.

"I've been looking at this game for 14 years and watching other people go," Brown said. "Now, I'm finally on my way. It's a great feeling."

Oakland offered up a little something for all its fans, young and old.

For those who preferred the vintage Raiders, there were 14 penalties for 127 yards, a handful of cheap shots and enough hard hits on Titans quarterback Steve McNair to send him into the hot tub for a week. McNair played a valiant game, but paid dearly for each of his 194 passing yards and two rushing touchdowns.

"I don't think I have to say much about him," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "His play speaks for his character."

Meanwhile, the new Raiders showed off their high-octane, not-so-vertical passing game. Gannon completed his first 12 passes and went 29-for-41 for 286 yards. Most telling, however, was this: In the first three quarters, Oakland called exactly one running play. Gannon accounted for 42 of Oakland's 44 yards rushing during that span.

"Rich is the decision-maker," Rice said. "He spreads the ball around. He did a great job. He was very composed. He also had some big plays running the ball."

The Raiders took the lead for good late in the second quarter, when Eric Barton stripped Tennessee's Robert Holcombe, giving Oakland the ball at the Tennessee 16. Two plays later, Gannon hit tight end Doug Jolley for a score and a 21-17 lead.

Oakland expanded the lead to 10, but that's when McNair upped his game to its gutty, gritty best, leading the Titans on a 67-yard touchdown drive to make it 27-24.

Tennessee appeared to be stopped on that drive, but Terrance Shaw got called for a personal foul, Oakland's fourth of the game.

On the next play, McNair ran in from 13 yards for his second score.

But the Raiders kept picking on Tennessee's pass defense, rated 25th in the regular season. Gannon led Oakland on a 66-yard drive and ran in for a 34-24 lead.

That drive, like this game, was nothing pretty, but then again, Davis has never demanded perfection.

The unspoken message in "Just win, baby!" has always been Davis' desire to field a team that could pull out even the ugly games.

In that vein, he signed a group of veterans who had endured a lot in this league. Mere penalties and a hot quarterback weren't going to be enough to halt this Super Bowl run.

"We fought all year long," Rice said. "When we lost four straight games, this team stuck together and now we're going to the Super Bowl."

The Raiders weren't alone with a four-game losing streak this season.

The Titans also endured one, and this was just their second loss since Oct. 6, when they fell to Washington and dropped to 1-4.

The Titans bristled when they learned they didn't place a single person in the Pro Bowl. In an odd twist, however, that finally changed Sunday. As the losing coach of the conference title game, Fisher will take his staff to Hawaii to coach the AFC.

"We can hang our hat on the fact we were 30 minutes from getting to the Super Bowl," tight end Frank Wycheck said.

GOLF

HONOLULU — In a thrilling battle that ended with an unlikely birdie, Ernie Els outlasted 21-year-old Aaron Baddeley in a playoff to win the Sony Open and become the first player in 14 years to win the first two PGA Tour events of the season.

Unlike last week at Kapalua, the Big Easy had to work hard for this one.

He appeared to be a beaten man when he missed the 353-yard 10th green to the left and chipped through the green, some 55 feet from the hole.

Instead, Els rammed home the putt and won on the second playoff hole when the young Aussie's 20-foot birdie putt hung on the lip.

Els closed with a 3-under 67, while Baddeley had a 69 as both finished at 16-under 264.

Chris DiMarco had a 66 and finished third, while defending champion Jerry Kelly eagled the final hole for a 65 to tie for fourth with Allenby (66).

Sports in brief

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — England's Mark Foster made a 35-foot eagle putt on the second extra hole to win a six-man playoff at the Dunhill Championship.

Foster beat Paul Lawrie, Bradford Vaughan, Trevor Immelman, Doug McGuigan, Anders Hansen in the first six-man playoff on the European Tour since the 1990 Vinho Verde Atlantic Open.

Foster closed with a 4-under 68 and

finish at 15-under 273 for his first European Tour victory.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — New Zealand's Mahal Pearce won the New Zealand Open for his first pro stroke, shooting a 2-under 70 for a two-stroke victory over Australia's Brett Rumford.

Pearce, who began the round two strokes behind Australia's Chris Downes, took a four-shot lead to the final hole, but dropped two strokes with a double-bogey 6. He finished at 10-under 278 on the Auckland Golf Club's Middlemore course.

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NBA

SuperSonics 85,
Mavericks 81

SEATTLE — Rashard Lewis scored 19 points, made a turnaround jump shot in the final 43.1 seconds and hit two free throws with 10.3 seconds remaining to lift Seattle to an 85-81 victory over Dallas on Sunday.

The Sonics have slumped this month, opening the new year with six losses before an overtime victory Friday against Memphis. But Seattle looked strong in handing the Mavericks their third straight loss.

Peja Stojakovic scored 19 points in a rare reserve role for the Sonics, hitting 8-for-13 to break out of his three-game shooting slump. Kenny Anderson scored 13 points and made a key jumper from the left corner with 1:49 to play.

Magic 101, Raptors 93

TORONTO — Tracy McGrady had 35 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for Orlando against his former team, Toronto.

McGrady, who played three seasons in Toronto before signing with Orlando as a free agent, was 14-for-31 from the field.

Jacque Vaughn added 15 points for the Magic.

Morris Peterson had 25 points for the injury-riddled Raptors, who have lost three consecutive games and 15 of their past 17.

All-Star Vince Carter missed his 21st straight game with a strained right knee.

From The Associated Press

NHL

Islanders 4, Atlanta 1

ATLANTA — Russia's Alexei Yashin scored in consecutive games for the first time since mid-October and added a third-period assist Sunday, helping the New York Islanders beat Atlanta 4-1 and end the Thrashers' three-game winning streak.

Thrashers coach Bob Hartley lost for the first time since he was hired Tuesday. Atlanta has never won four consecutive games in its four-year history. Yashin backed the play of Islanders goaltender Chris Osgood, who stopped 24 shots and improved to 7-0-0 against Atlanta.

Flyers 4, Rangers 2

NEW YORK — Michal Handzus of the Czech Republic snapped a tie with just 5:04 remaining as Philadelphia rallied to a victory over the New York Rangers.

Handzus, who beat New York with a penalty-shot goal in overtime in the teams' last meeting, ended it earlier this time by capitalizing on a turnover by Mark Messier.

Messier had the puck to the right of the New York goal, but lost control of it to Handzus, who came around and tucked his 14th goal into the net.

Canucks 4, Red Wings 1

DETROIT — Dan Cloutier stopped 33 shots and Bryan Allen scored the go-ahead goal as Vancouver got its first regular-season victory in Detroit since Feb. 6, 1997.

The Canucks beat the defending Stanley Cup champions twice at Joe Louis Arena during the first round of last season's Stanley Cup playoffs and won at Vancouver earlier this season.

Trent Klatt, Sami Salo and Matt Cooke also scored for the Canucks. Tomas Holmstrom scored the lone Red Wings goal.

Detroit hit five posts or crossbars, including a penalty shot attempt by Holmstrom with 3:38 left after Murray Baron interfered with him on a breakaway.

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Rumford closed with a 68. Downes (75) and Australia's Nathan Green (67) tied for third, three strokes back at 7 under.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia — Lleyton Hewitt was ousted from the Australian Open, his game and big plans derailed by hard-serving Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco.

El Aynaoui, seeded 18th, eliminated the world's top-ranked player 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-4 Monday to reach the quarterfinals.

Top-ranked Serena Williams had a much easier time, beating Greece's Eleni Daniilidou 6-4, 6-1 to move into the quarterfinals and closer to a "Serena Slam." She already holds the most recent titles from the French Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open.

Williams next plays Meghann Shaughnessy, a 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 winner over Russia's Elena Bovina.

El Aynaoui's power and consistency frustrated Hewitt, who disputed close calls and yelled at the umpire and line judges. He also became upset with a court-side photographer.

El Aynaoui, who will face Andy Roddick in the quarters, didn't drop a service game and gave Hewitt just three break point chances.

Williams dropped serve twice in the first set before overpowering the 20-year-old Daniilidou 6-4, 6-1.

Kim Clijsters' 6-3, 6-1 beat South Africa's Amanda Coetzer in the first night match.

The Belgian, seeded to face Williams in the semifinals, advanced to play No. 8 Anastasia Myskina of Russia, a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 winner over No. 10 Chanda Rubin.

Roddick rallied to beat Russian Davis Cup hero Mikhail Youzhny 6-7 (4), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

The other 30-plus player through to the quarters is three-time champion Andre Agassi, who will play France's Sebastien Grosjean on Tuesday.

Germany's Rainer Schuettler beat James Blake 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 and next faces Wimbledon finalist David Nalbandian of Argentina.

Nalbandian downed sixth-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. Federer mixed 61 winners with 60 unforced errors.

AMERICA'S CUP

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Switzerland's Alinghi advanced to the America's Cup final against Team New Zealand, beating Oracle in the sixth race of the challenger series.

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Scores/standings

NFL Playoffs

Conference Championships	
Sunday	
NFC Championship	
Tampa Bay 27, Philadelphia 10	
AFC Championship	
Oakland 41, Tennessee 24	
Super Bowl	
Sunday, Jan. 26	
At San Diego	
Oakland vs. Tampa Bay	
Pro Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 2	
At Honolulu	
AFC vs. NFC	

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
New Jersey	28	11	.718
Boston	23	17	.575
Philadelphia	21	19	.525
Orlando	21	21	.500
Washington	20	20	.500
New York	15	23	.395
Miami	14	26	.350

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Indiana	29	11	.725
Detroit	26	13	.667
New Orleans	21	20	.512
Milwaukee	19	21	.475
Atlanta	14	26	.350
Chicago	14	26	.350
Toronto	10	31	.244
Cleveland	8	34	.190

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Dallas	31	8	.795
San Antonio	25	14	.641
Utah	24	15	.615
Houston	23	15	.605
Minnesota	22	18	.550
Memphis	12	27	.308
Denver	10	29	.256

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
Sacramento	29	11	.725
Phoenix	25	16	.610
Portland	23	15	.605
L.A. Lakers	18	21	.462
Seattle	18	21	.462
Golden State	17	22	.436
L.A. Clippers	15	24	.385

Sunday's games
Orlando 101, Toronto 93
Seattle 85, Dallas 81

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF GA
Philadelphia	26	11	8	1	61	117 98
New Jersey	27	12	3	3	60	115 88
N.Y. Islanders	21	18	5	2	49	131 135
Pittsburgh	20	19	3	5	48	129 137
N.Y. Rangers	19	23	6	1	45	122 147

Northeast Division						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF GA
Ottawa	30	10	5	1	66	156 97
Toronto	25	17	4	1	55	135 116
Boston	23	18	4	1	51	140 125
Montreal	18	19	5	5	46	124 140
Buffalo	14	23	6	2	36	100 119

Southeast Division						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF GA
Washington	21	18	5	3	50	131 130
Tampa Bay	18	18	6	4	46	125 135
Florida	14	15	9	8	45	106 136
Carolina	16	21	6	4	42	101 127
Atlanta	14	26	2	4	34	117 168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF GA
Detroit	26	13	7	1	60	138 114
St. Louis	25	13	5	4	59	149 114
Chicago	21	15	8	3	53	113 108
Columbus	17	23	4	2	40	131 146
Nashville	14	20	8	4	40	101 124

Northwest Division						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF GA
Vancouver	28	14	5	0	61	149 122
Edmonton	22	14	5	6	55	130 124
Minnesota	23	16	7	1	54	118 103
Colorado	17	14	9	5	48	129 121
Calgary	15	22	7	3	40	99 128

Pacific Division						
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF GA
Dallas	26	10	10	1	63	146 94
Anaheim	19	17	7	3	48	111 113
Los Angeles	18	20	4	4	44	116 129
San Jose	16	19	6	4	42	119 138
Phoenix	15	20	7	4	41	109 131

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Sunday's games
N.Y. Islanders 4, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Vancouver 4, Detroit 1

Men's basketball
AP Top 25 Fared

- Sunday**
- Duke (12-1) did not play. Next: at North Carolina State, Wednesday.
 - Arizona (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Wednesday.
 - Pittsburgh (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.
 - Texas (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Missouri, Saturday.
 - Oklahoma (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Monday.
 - Connecticut (11-2) did not play. Next: at Miami, Monday.
 - Florida (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
 - Illinois (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Wednesday.
 - Alabama (12-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Tuesday.
 - Notre Dame (14-3) did not play. Next: at Providence, Tuesday.
 - Missouri (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Tuesday.
 - Kansas (13-3) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Wednesday.
 - Creighton (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois State, Monday.
 - Mississippi State (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.
 - Louisville (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Wednesday.
 - Kentucky (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Wednesday.
 - Maryland (10-4) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Wednesday.
 - Indiana (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Tuesday.
 - Wake Forest (12-1) beat Georgia Tech 73-66. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.
 - Georgia (10-4) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Wednesday.
 - Marquette (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
 - Oregon (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.
 - LSU (12-3) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Wednesday.
 - Oklahoma State (14-1) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.
 - Syracuse (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.

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College basketball

No. 19 Wake Forest 73,
Georgia Tech 66

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Josh Howard had his second big game of the week Sunday night, scoring 30 points to lead No. 19 Wake Forest to a 73-66 victory over Georgia Tech.

Howard opened the game with a pair of three-pointers and made big shots when needed to guide the Demon Deacons (12-1, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) to their 11th consecutive home victory.

Howard hit 3-for-4 three-pointers, went 11-for-12 at the free throw line, added three assists and blocked five shots — one with 44 seconds left that went into the stands.

Chris Bosch led Georgia Tech (8-6, 2-2) with 22 points and 10 rebounds and B.J. Elder added 18 points.

The Yellow Jackets lost their fifth straight in Lawrence Joel Coliseum, where they are 5-15 all-time and haven't won since 1998.

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